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**Remarks**

Claims 15-28 are pending. Claims 15 and 28 are independent claims.  
Reconsideration and reexamination of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant has noted that claims 15-20, 22, 23, and 26-28 are allowed.

The claims 21, 24 and 25 have been amended in order to overcome the informal objections raised thereto by the Examiner.

The specification has been amended in order to overcome the informal objections raised thereto by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully solicits allowance of pending claims 15-28.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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